

CHAPTER 13
 SECTION 9.1
 ADDENDUM 1, SECTION 6

TRICARE-APPROVED AMBULATORY SURGERY PROCEDURES -
 HEMIC AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

The number following the procedure code is the TRICARE payment group.

LYMPH NODES AND LYMPHATIC CHANNELS

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
<u>INCISION</u>		
38300	2	Drainage of lymph node abscess or lymphadenitis; simple
38305	4	Drainage of lymph node abscess or lymphadenitis; extensive
38308	4	Lymphangiectomy or other operations on lymphatic channels
<u>EXCISION</u>		
38500	3	Biopsy or excision of lymph node(s); superficial (separate procedure)
38505	2	Biopsy or excision of lymph node(s); by needle, superficial (eg, cervical, inguinal, axillary)
38510	5	Biopsy or excision of lymph node(s); deep cervical node(s)
38520	4	Biopsy or excision of lymph node(s); deep cervical node(s) with excision scalene fat pad
38525	6	Biopsy or excision of lymph node(s); deep axillary node(s)
38530	4	Biopsy or excision of lymph node(s); internal mammary node(s) (separate procedure)
38542	4	Dissection; deep jugular node(s)
38550	5	Excision of cystic hygroma, axillary or cervical, without deep neurovascular dissection; simple
38555	6	Excision of cystic hygroma, axillary or cervical, without deep neurovascular dissection; complex
<u>RADICAL LYMPHADENECTOMY (RADICAL RESECTION OF LYMPH NODES)</u>		
38700	4	Suprahyoid lymphadenectomy
38740	4	Axillary lymphadenectomy; superficial
38745	6	Axillary lymphadenectomy; complete
38760	4	Inguinofemoral lymphadenectomy, superficial, including Cloquet's node (separate procedure)
<u>INTRODUCTION</u>		
38790	2	Injection procedure for lymphangiography

Except as provided below, all procedures are effective as of November 1, 1994

- ¹ Code added for services performed on or after January 1, 1995
- ² Code added for services performed on or after February 27, 1995
- ³ Code deleted for services performed on or after April 1, 1995
- ⁴ Code deleted for services performed on or after April 26, 1995

- ⁵ Payment group changed for services performed on or after February 27, 1995
- ⁶ Code added October 1995 effective for services performed on or after November 1, 1994
- ⁷ Code deleted for services performed on or after March 31, 1996
- ⁸ Code added for services performed on or after January 1, 1996
- ⁹ Code added for services performed on or after January 1, 1997
- ¹⁰ Code deleted for services performed on or after January 1, 1997
- ¹¹ Code added for services performed on or after November 1, 1998
- ¹² Code deleted for services performed on or after January 1, 2000
- ¹³ Code added for services performed on or after January 1, 2000